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Immediate Vacancy for Public Board Member

Opportunity to Serve as a Board Member for the Minnesota Board of Social Work

Immediate Board Member Vacancy as of July 2016:

- One Public Member [as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section <u>214.02</u>]
- Member must have expertise in communities of color
- Fill an unscheduled vacancy for a term ending January 7, 2019

Board Member Responsibilities:

As a state agency, the Minnesota Board of Social Work's mission and primary responsibility is to protect the public by regulating the practice of social work, through ensuring that all persons licensed as social workers meet a minimum set of standards, and are qualified, professional, ethical, and accountable. The Board also investigates and resolves complaints against licensed social workers and their practice.

Board members serve a critical role in setting and enforcing standards for licensing, continuing competency, and ethical practice standards. Board members are appointed by the Governor to serve a four-year term. The Board holds regular, full-day business meetings every other month, and Board members are expected to serve on at least one committee. Board members are eligible to receive per diems and are reimbursed for their travel, accommodations, and meal expenses, while on board business, in accordance with state reimbursement schedules.

To Submit an Application:

Interested persons are encouraged to visit the Board's website at www.socialwork.state.mn.us for more detailed information, and to view the Board Member position description. Please contact the Office of the Secretary of State at 651.297.5845, or visit their website at www.sos.state.mn.us, to obtain and submit an application. Please submit your application as soon as possible to be assured full consideration by the appointing authority. Applications will be accepted until all appointments are made by the Governor.